

## Forestry Services Fact Sheet

The Forest Management Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR) oversees the development and management of Yukon's forest resources.



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### Services and Responsibilities

The Forest Management Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources manages the following programs and services:

- inventory and management of Yukon forests;
- forest renewal (silviculture);
- forest management planning;
- identification and allocation of areas suitable for timber harvesting;
- issuing permits to harvest timber;
- conducting environmental assessments of proposed forest activities;
- collecting stumpage and reforestation revenues;
- auditing activities;
- undertaking consultation as required;
- forest practices planning and liason; and
- maintaining and improving forestry GIS and mapping capabilities.

### Legislation

The following legislation guides forestry activities in the Yukon:

- *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* including:
  - *Timber Regulation*
  - *Land Use Regulation*
  - *Forest Protection Regulation (2003)*
- *Yukon's Environmental Assessment Act*

The following will also apply to forestry activities in the Yukon:

- *Lands Act*
- *Forest Protection Act and Regulation*
- *First Nations Final and Self-government Agreements*

# Forest Management Branch - Yukon Forests

A key Forest Management Branch goal is maintaining healthy Yukon forests for future generations.

Forests are one of the Yukon's truly visible natural resources. They play an important role in First Nations culture and history and provide a variety of outdoor activities enjoyed by Yukoners and tourists alike.

Forests also provide critical environmental services such as clear air and clean water. They provide habitat for wildlife, economic opportunities for trappers and outfitters and the raw materials for the building and manufacturing industries.



Many household products, our homes and many things around us come from forests and forest products. Forestry is an important sector of Yukon's economy with direct and indirect benefits.

**Question:** Since the Yukon received control and management of its forests as a result of devolution in 2003, what work has been undertaken?

**Answer:**

Since devolution we have been:

- working to develop Yukon forest legislation;
- carrying out and implementing strategic forest management plans in partnership with Yukon First Nations; and
- preparing for a revival of the territory's forest industry.

In the past year we completed the first-ever inventory of forest resources for the central Yukon, which is one of the fundamental information needs to undertake forest management plans.

To find out about the latest information on Yukon Forestry, look on the Web site, [www.emr.gov.yk.ca/forestry](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/forestry) or send your questions to [forestry@gov.yk.ca](mailto:forestry@gov.yk.ca).

